

THE POTOMAC CALAMITY.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE TESTIMONY.

Captain Wood Recalled—Evidence of Escaped Passengers—Measures During the Disaster—Swimming Ashore in the Woods—Miss Kate McPherson's Story—Heroic Conduct of the Others—Brutal Relationships of the Male Passengers.

CONCLUSION OF FRIDAY'S TESTIMONY.

Testimony of Derk-hand Lewis.
Harry Lewis, sworn:
By Mr. Hunt: Q. What is your age? A. Forty-five.
Q. Where do you live? A. In Washington.
Q. What is your trade or occupation? A. I was a dock-hand there.
Q. Were you on board the steamer WAWAN at the time she was burned? A. I was.
Q. How long did you stay on board? What was your position?

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Q. You slept down there? A. Yes, sir.

Q. You didn't go to bed? A. No, sir.

Q. I DID NOT SMOKE THAT DAY.

My pipe was not even down there.

Q. Did you have any tobacco there? A. No, sir; my tobacco was in my pocket, and my pipe was in my pocket.

Q. You never smoked below? A. No, sir; none of the crew; we were never allowed to smoke.

Q. What sort of oil did you use in the lamps there? A.

LARD OIL, AND THIS SIGNAL OIL.

Signal oil outside and lard oil inside.

Q. Did you use any kerosene? A. There was no occasion to use coal oil. We used signal oil.

Q. Did you go into the fireman's room at that time when you went down? A. I did.

Q. Did you go into the fireman's room, sir, so first at all? There was a room between my room and the room where the fire broke out; and I went into that room.

Q. The question was: "Did you go into the fireman's room?" A. No; I went past the fireman's room.

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Q. How many of the six-pound life-preservers were on the boat?

A. There were six on the boat, one on each of us; or, 255. We found these life-preservers were getting mangled where they were, being thrown about by the waves, and I thought that they would be better on the boat. When I was on the boat, I saw that I had one myself.

Testimony of Deck-hand Jones.

Charles Jones, swore:

By Mr. Rouse: What is your occupation? A.

Q. What is your age?

A. I am about 40 years.

Q. Where do you reside?

A. In Washington.

Q. Were you on board the Wawaset at the time she was burnt?

A. I was.

Q. Please give us a statement of what you saw and heard on the night of the burning of the Wawaset.

A. I was there at the time the report was made, getting ready to go ashore in a small boat. I was on the boat about 10 or 15 minutes, and a few minutes ago. When I heard the alarm I

to see about this home.

I knew we had had the blow on at the time getting the water. I felt them screwed on. I rushed forward and the smoke drove me back. I had to go back all.

Q. You were attempting to go forward? A. Yes, sir, and could not get forward, and the water came in and commenced throwing water along the deck. I stood up there and threw water until I threw all the buckets I could get. I then came down of the hurricane deck on to the main deck and saw the fire.

Q. Where the fire originated from I could not say? A. How long did you stay on board? A. Until the ship left the bottom, until a tug sailed.

Q. Then you jumped overboard? A. I did, and I was in the water.

Q. Did you render any assistance in the water?

Q. Did you not see them used down there
match? A. No, sir; I never saw them used there
when they lighted a lamp they seldom used
match, but a coal from the furnace, or something
of that kind, they threw it back again.
Q. Was the pump operating in order? A.
Way in order.
Q. Was there any
TIME TO GET THE TUMP TO WORK
at the time of the alarm? A. That is what I tried
to do and I could not get there.
Q. Do you think if the deck pump had been got
into operation would it assist? A. No,
it would not have done any good; there
is what I think.

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JOHN MASTERS, of Chicago, will sail depart for Europe, with his wife and two daughters, leaving over the few remaining months of his life to be an seaman.

JOHN FISKE, of Cleveland, has resigned his position in the United States army, and leaves country at once for Cairo, there to report for duty in the service of the Khedive of Egypt.

AN second "Mystery of Kilmarnock," at "Cathleen's," has failed to meet combustion in the critical presence of Charles Dickens. The comments of the work published are too thin for a great measure, and the speculation, which depended upon getting up a great interest in the book before the publication, will hardly amount to—*Boston Herald.*

er to the effect that there is to be a number of dismissals in the New York case. The official referred to in that paper has been sent over from Washington for the purpose of assisting in a wholesale slaughter-house officers, went on an anti-slavery mission, after accomplishing which he returned to Washington, arriving here last of the month.

Last Year's Cotton Crop.

The total receipts of cotton since September 1st, up to Saturday amounted to 3,297,730 bales, which indicates that last year's crop will be nearly four million bales, being considerably over the estimate of the Agricultural Department.

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